

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 474

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the 120th anniversary of Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact on forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, for over 120 years, Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church has served the spiritual needs of the city's residents and provided valuable services and resources to its community; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church has stood the test of time, surviving two fires, a tornado, and a global pandemic, all while standing firm in its commitment to God and its congregants; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church's cross, visible from Mt. Juliet Road, stands as a symbol of the foundation our society is built on, representing the hopes and values of the city; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation, especially senior pastor Dr. Phillip Dunn and his church staff, should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.